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HOY CONDUCTS ON-LINE SURVEY TO GET LOCAL ROAD PRIORITIES

INDIANAPOLIS – State Rep. Phil Hoy (D-Evansville) today encouraged area residents to take part in an on-line Internet survey to determine which road improvement projects should receive the highest priority from the Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT).

The survey, aimed primarily at residents of Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties, is located on Hoy's Internet Web site at www.IN.gov/H77. Citizens can take part by clicking on the icon that will take you to the survey.

"Officials with INDOT have told us that they are in the process of determining which road projects are not going to receive funding in the next several years," Hoy said. "They have asked lawmakers to prioritize a list of projects that were scheduled to be completed over the next five to 10 years. Those projects that receive the highest priority will receive the earliest attention, based on availability of funding.

"Since this decision affects hundreds of thousands of people who live and work in Southwest Indiana, I wanted to give the public a chance to tell INDOT what projects they feel should be completed," he continued. "At the same time, the people of Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties deserve the chance to let INDOT know how they feel about plans to cut road funding for our area."

The survey asks participants to rank four projects in Vanderburgh County and four projects in Warrick County in terms of their importance.

The projects in Vanderburgh County are the construction of Interstate 69 from Evansville to Indianapolis, added travel lanes on U.S. 41 from the Lloyd Expressway to State Road 48, new interchanges on State Road 62 from First Avenue to Fulton Avenue, and new interchanges on State Road 66 from Pigeon Creek to Interstate 164.

Projects in Warrick County are construction of a four-mile stretch of new road on State Road 61 from its intersection with State Road 62, added travel lanes on State Road 62 along a new commercial area just west of Boonville, added travel lanes on State Road 66 from State Road 261 to Yankeetown Road, and added travel lanes on State Road 261 from State Road 66 to Jenner Road (County Road 150 South).

"I believe all of these projects are important to the future growth of our area, and I do not feel that INDOT officials should be avoiding their responsibility in making priorities," Hoy said. "Considering that they have passed the buck, I am asking the people of this area to tell me what road projects should be funded."